

character.” And that’s just not the way we think, and championship teams are teams made of character.

I also appreciate so very much the fact that the players and the organization understands that when you’ve got the spotlight, you have an obligation to serve your community. And I’m very aware that the Marlins management contributes to Florida’s Adopt-a-Classroom program. I appreciate that, Jeffrey, and I appreciate you using your position to not only provide entertainment for the people of South Florida but to help lives, improve lives one person at a time.

I appreciate the fact that Josh Beckett—a big, old Texan I might add—[laughter]—is involved with youth baseball. I hope that youth baseball reaches into places where a lot of kids may have lost hope. There’s nothing more hopeful than for a person to be able to play on a team and realize their God-given talents on the athletic field. It’s essential that baseball brings us joy, to not only suburbia but inner-city America as well. And Josh, I appreciate you understanding the vitality of youth baseball in America.

I appreciate A.J. Burnett working with the Florida division of the Center of Missing and Exploited Children, being willing to be involved, to use his position as somebody who South Florida looks up to, to help children. And what I found interesting is that more than 30 children featured in his “Play It Safe” days at Marlins games have been rescued. You know, winning baseball games is one thing; rescuing children has got to be a fantastic accomplishment. And A.J., I appreciate so very much your heart.

And then there’s Juan Pierre. Every team in baseball wants him leading off, feisty little guy that he is and a great ballplayer. [Laughter] Yes, don’t worry about putting weight on, you did all right. [Laughter] Whatever you did last year, do it again this year. [Laughter] And keep doing what you’re doing—it’s called “Pierre’s Pack.” It brings underprivileged kids to the ballpark. See, he makes a good living, and he’s willing to share those hard-earned dollars with the underprivileged kids.

To me, this is what being leaders are all about and champs are about. It’s one thing to win on the field, and that’s what we’re

here to herald, and it’s a fantastic—fantastic moment for the ballplayers and the fans and everybody involved with the organization. But winners also do things off the field too. Winners understand they have obligations. They’ve got obligations to be a good mom or a dad. They’ve got obligations to give something back to the community and to the country that has made this opportunity for them possible.

And the Marlins are fulfilling it all. They won on the field, and they’re winning off the field. And I’m grateful. Congratulations to the world champs.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:50 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida; Mayor Manuel Diaz of Miami, FL; Ivan “Pudge” Rodriguez, catcher, Florida Marlins, and his wife, Maribel; Jeffrey H. Loria, chairman, chief executive officer, and managing general partner, Florida Marlins, and his wife, Sivia; David Samson, president, Florida Marlins, and his wife, Cindi; Jack McKeon, manager, Larry Beinfest, senior vice president/general manager, Ozzie Guillen, former third base coach, Andre Dawson and Tony Perez, special assistants to the president, Doug Davis, bench coach, Wayne Rosenthal, pitching coach, Perry Hill, first base/infield coach, Josh Beckett and A.J. Burnett, pitchers, and Juan Pierre, outfielder, Florida Marlins.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President’s public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

January 17

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

January 18

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

January 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

January 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Minister of External Affairs Yashwant Sinha of India to discuss India-Pakistan and India-U.S. relations.

Later in the morning, also in the Oval Office, the President met with Adnan Pachachi, interim President of the Governing Council of Iraq, and other Governing Council members.

January 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Toledo, OH, where, upon arrival, he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Bruce Vanisacker. He then traveled to Perrysburg Township, OH.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Phoenix, AZ, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Hilary Juel.

January 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Roswell, NM, where he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Amy Coppin.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate John J. Young, Jr., to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

January 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with James A. Baker III, his personal envoy on the issue of Iraqi debt.

The President announced his nomination of Scott H. DeLisi to be Ambassador to Eritrea.

The President announced his nomination of Aubrey Hooks to be Ambassador to Cote d'Ivoire.

The President announced his nomination of Joseph D. Stafford III to be Ambassador to The Gambia.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted January 20

Claude A. Allen,
of Virginia, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, vice Francis D. Murnaghan, Jr., deceased.

Paul S. Diamond,
of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, vice Herbert J. Hutton, retired.

Robert Bryan Harwell,
of South Carolina, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina, vice C. Weston Houck, retiring.

George P. Schiavelli,
of California, to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California, vice Lourdes G. Baird, retiring.

Submitted January 21

Charles Johnson,
of Utah, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, vice Linda Morrison Combs.

Stephen L. Johnson,
of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, vice Linda J. Fisher, resigned.

Gerard Schwarz,
of Washington, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for the remainder of the term expiring September 3, 2006, vice Earl A. Powell III, resigned.

Bradley D. Belt,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2008, vice Stanford G. Ross, term expired, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.